

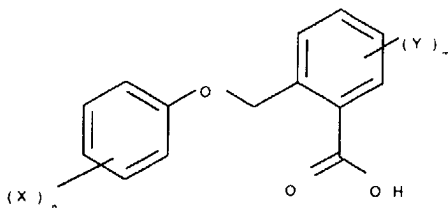
CLEAN VERSION OF AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS

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Amend claim 1 to read as follows:

1. (amended) A process for drying phenoxymethylbenzoic acids of the general formula I



where X, Y, m and n have the following meanings:

X and Y are, independently, a halogen or a C-organic radical,

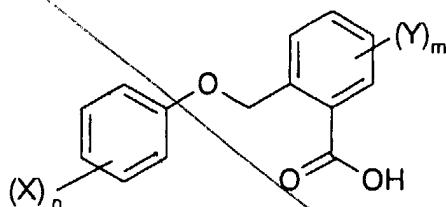
m has a value from 0 to 4 and

n has a value from 0 to 5

which comprises drying the water- and/or solvent-wet phenoxymethylbenzoic acids at a temperature in the range from 1° to 25°C above their melting point under the drying conditions employed.

We claim:

1. A process for drying phoxymethylbenzoic acids of the
general formula I



where X, Y, m and n have the following meanings:

X, Y halogen or a C-organic radical,

m a value from 0 to 4 and

n a value from 0 to 5

which comprises drying the water- and/or solvent-wet
phoxymethylbenzoic acids at a temperature in the range from
1° to 25°C above their melting point under the reaction
conditions used.

2. A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the drying is
carried out at temperatures in the range from 130° to 240°C
under atmospheric pressure.

3. A process as claimed in either of claims 1 and 2, wherein
solvent residues are partly removed by washing with water
before drying.

4. A process as claimed in any of claims 1 to 3, wherein a
phoxymethylbenzoic acid with a water and/or solvent content
of from 0.1 to 50% by weight is employed.